

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 1311

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;  
PROVIDING FOR A DWI RECIDIVISM COMPONENT IN ALL DRIVER  
REHABILITATION PROGRAMS; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 66-7-506 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
Chapter 35, Section 493, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-506. BUREAU--FUNCTIONS--POWERS--DUTIES.--The bureau  
shall have the following powers and duties:

A. organize, plan and conduct a statewide program  
of activities designed to prevent accidents and to reduce the  
incidence of DWI in New Mexico;

B. coordinate activities and programs of the  
departments, divisions and agencies of this state now engaged  
in promoting traffic safety;

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1           C. provide accident prevention information and  
2 publicity to all appropriate media of information and develop  
3 other means of public information;

4           D. cooperate with all public and private agencies  
5 and organizations interested in the promotion of traffic safety  
6 and accident prevention;

7           E. serve as a clearinghouse for all traffic safety  
8 materials and information used throughout this state;

9           F. cooperate in promoting research, special studies  
10 and analysis of problems concerning the safety and welfare of  
11 the citizens of New Mexico;

12           G. cooperate fully with national safety  
13 organizations in bringing about greater effectiveness in  
14 nationwide accident prevention activities and programs;

15           H. make studies and suitable recommendations,  
16 through the [~~director~~] chief and the secretary of [~~highway and~~]  
17 transportation, to the legislature concerning safety  
18 regulations and laws;

19           I. prepare and submit each year a written report to  
20 the governor concerning the activities of the bureau and  
21 activities concerning assistance to local organizations and  
22 officials;

23           J. institute and administer a statewide motorcycle  
24 training program funded as provided for in Section 66-10-10  
25 NMSA 1978;

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1 K. institute and administer an accident prevention  
2 course for elderly drivers as provided for in Section  
3 59A-32-14 NMSA 1978;

4 L. cooperate with the [~~state department of~~] public  
5 education department to develop a regulatory framework for  
6 instructional and administrative processes, including licensure  
7 requirements for instructors, and a curriculum for instruction  
8 in defensive driving with a DWI education and prevention  
9 component to be offered statewide in secondary schools as an  
10 elective;

11 M. institute and administer a DWI prevention and  
12 education program for elementary and secondary school students,  
13 funded as provided for in Section 66-5-35 NMSA 1978; [~~and~~]

14 N. include at least two hours of DWI prevention and  
15 education training in all driver education courses approved by  
16 the bureau; and

17 O. include a DWI recidivism prevention component in  
18 all driver rehabilitation programs for alcohol or drugs  
19 approved by the bureau."